Policy for child labourers

†2063. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a number of policy initiatives for studying the nature, complications and magnitude of problems of children particularly child labourers of the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the new strategies and action plan finally decided for effecting rapid improvement in the social and financial conditions of the child labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Government has a National Policy on Child Labour which contains an action plan for dealing with the problem of Child Labour. It envisages:

— A legislative action plan,

— Focusing of general development programmes for benefiting children wherever possible, and

— Project-based action plans in areas of high concentration of child labour engaged in wage/quasi-wage employment.

The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 prohibits employment of children in 13 Occupations and 57 Processes listed in the Schedule to the Act.

The Government of India has been implementing two shemes for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work, namely the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) and the Scheme of Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations.

Awareness generation activities are being taken up at the district level by the concerned Project Societies.

A National Conference on Child Labour was held at New Delhi on 22nd January, 2001. The Conference was addressed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. The Conference *inter-alia* resolved that concerted action should be taken in a time bound manner for elimination of

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child labour from hazardous occupations/processes. For achieving this, all Government agencies, research institution, Panchayat Raj Institutions, employers, trade unions, member of press, bar associations, NGOs etc. should work together and establish synergies so that with their collective resources, the problem of child labour is addressed in a holistic way.

The Government is committed to the goal of eradication of child labour in all its forms. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a gradual progressive and sequential approach has been adopted to withdraw and rehabilitate child labourers.

Non-payment of wages to workers of Hari Travels (India) Ltd.

2064. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Hari Travels (India) Ltd., Roshanara Road, Subzi Mandi, Delhi-7, is neither paying minimum wages as per law nor paying wages in time to its workers;

(b) whether Government have got any complaint from the workers in this regard; and

(c) if so, whether Government would order an inquiry into the matter and take appropriate action against the employer for the violation of Minimum Wages Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The Government of NCT of Delhi have informed that no complaint has been received regarding non-payment of wages in time to the workers of Hari Travels (India) Ltd., Roshanara Road, Subzi Mandi, Delhi-7.

The Government of NCT of Delhi have also informed that no complaint has been received either from the workmen or their representatives or association that the workemen are being paid wages less than the minimum wages fixed by the Government of Delhi from time to time under the Minimum Wages Act.

(c) Does not arise.